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with copies of the prior art therein identified. Such prior art has come to the attention of applicants by being cited in an Office Action issued in the corresponding Japanese application on February 26, 2008, and a copy of which is enclosed. This Office Action is also enclosed for showing the relevance of any of the cited references that may be in a foreign language. So far as applicants are aware, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the final Office Action or Notice of Allowance.

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The submitted reference was prepared by a foreign Patent Office, and is directed to a foreign counterpart application to the present US Patent Application. Consistent with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant recognizes that the Examiner may consider it relevant when making a patentability determination. However, this submission should not be misconstrued as an admission by the Applicant that the reference is either relevant or not relevant to patentability, especially since the reference was prepared by a foreign Patent Office that is governed by a different body of law than the USPTO.

Nevertheless, in the interest of full disclosure and good faith, Applicant submits the reference for consideration by the Examiner, and requests that the Examiner initial the attached Form PTO 1449, indicating the Examiner has considered this reference.

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Notification of Reasons for Refusal

Patent application number	Japanese Patent Application No. 2005 - 253101
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Applicable articles	Article 29 Paragraph 1, Article 29 Paragraph 2

This application should be refused according to the following reasons. If any arguments on these reasons for refusal exist, please file an argument within 60 days from the sending date of this notification.

Reason

A. Because the invention relating to the following claims in this application is invention described in the following publications distributed in Japan or foreign countries prior to the filling of the patent application, the right to the patent shall not be granted in accordance with the provision of the Article 29 Paragraph 1 Item 3 of the Patent Law.

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Note (Please refer to the list of references for cited references)

About claim 1, 5, 7

It is recognized that the description of Fig. 9 in cited reference 1 does not have noticeable difference with the invention described in claim 1, 5, 7.

About claim 2, 6

Although it is not clarified what kind of network the "communications network 15" described in cited reference 1 is concretely, it is a well known art as described in cited reference 2 to control the camera via Internet. Also, it is described to use TCP/IP as a protocol.

Furthermore, it is not recognized that there has a noticeable difficulty to adopt Internet as the "communications network 15" described in cited reference 1. In addition, it is not recognized that there has a noticeable difficulty to employ TCP/IP as a protocol.

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About claim 3, 4

With regard to the description of cited reference 2, a HTTP server is installed. As described in the image 1, with regard to the same, because the detailed setting of the camera is available by way of browser, HTML is used. It is also clear that http is used.

In addition, it is a matter that a person skilled in the art can do appropriately to apply the description in cited reference 2 to the invention described in cited reference 1 to make the similar invention described in claim 3, 4

List of cited references

1. Published patent application No. HEI 8 - 149356
 2. Tomohisa Iura "Network camera widening possibility of Internet", LANTIMES, Vol. 7 No. 1, January, 1997, Softbank Corporation, p.220 - 222

Record of the result of the prior art references searched

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